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Bail Bond Oversight Board Meeting

Meeting Information

Date: January 18, 2006

Time: Noon

Place: Room 7, Conference
Center, Fairgrounds, inside
east entrance, 10th W 150 N.

Board Members

(Attendees =x)

x Dominic Sanone, Chairman
Rick T. Westmoreland,
x Bert Christenson

x Wayne Carlos, Vice-Chair Ralph Cragun
x Michael Weddington x Mickey Braun

Insurance Department Staff

x Perri Babalis
x Brad Tibbitts

x Darrel Powell
Tracy Klausmeier

x Tara Buehner
Jilene Whitby

Cathy Howick
Sandy Glaze

Visitors

Darren Brady, Rebel Bail Bonds

MINUTES

Welcome

Mickey introduced Darrel Powell as the new director of the Licensing Division.

General Session (Open to the Public)

- **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mike made the **motion** to adopt the November minutes. Wayne seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

- **Approval of Recommended Actions from Executive Session / Dominic Sanone**

- Wayne made a **motion** to accept the department's recommendation to close Consumer Complaints #6 & #14. Mike seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- Wayne made a **motion** that the Board recommend Libertad's name change to All American be denied because it is deceptive in nature. Mike seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- Mike made a **motion** to accept Apex Bail Bond's application. Wayne seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

- **New Business**

- **Board Member Replacement**

Two applications were received for the general public board opening. They were from Andrew D. Bilanzich and James L. Kimball. Both applications were reviewed and the applicants' qualifications were discussed. Dominic noted that he knew Mr. Bilanzich and that his familiarity with advertising would be helpful to the board. Dominic made a motion to recommend Mr. Bilanzich to Commissioner Michie. The vote was unanimous.

- **Meeting Dates, Agenda & Minutes on Web**

It was decided that the meeting dates be put on the web. The agenda will be put on

the web prior to each meeting. The minutes will be put on the web after they are approved. Darren said he had not received notification of the meeting or minutes since June 2005.

- Dominic noted that the **President of the Nevada Bail Association** wanted to attend the next Board meetings to see how the Utah Board operates.
- Wayne asked if a notice would be mailed out regarding the **submission of the financial statements**. Mickey said notification would be similar to last year.

- **Old Business**

- **Notary requirement changes** / Wayne Carlos

Wayne provided everyone with a copy of a letter from the Court Administrator's office. It states that the Supreme Court has approved the elimination of the notary requirement from bail bonds effective February 1, 2006. Wayne met with the president of the Jail Commanders Association who will get this message out to the jails, suggesting this change take effect in 90 days. Wayne will send a letter to the sureties to let them know. Wayne was asked to include in his letter a reminder to sureties that they file their changed bond forms with the department before they use the new forms. Wayne's letter should also indicate that new bonds should include the agency's five-digit license number as well as the authorized signature. The department will also include this number with the agency's name and authorized signature on the web site. It does not matter where the stamp is made but it should be similar in size to the one in the letter. Instead of using a stamp the information can be preprinted on the bond form. Courts do not want a dual system. Brent Johnson took this before the Supreme Court.

- Darren Brady brought the Provo phone directory to show All American's advertisement. Mickey noted that the department will consider Darren's information as a complaint and will investigate the complaint.
- Darren noted that Apex has been advertising and writing bonds for at least a month. Mickey noted that the department will consider Darren's information as a complaint and will investigate the complaint.
- Darren said that the department shows his bond limit as \$2.2 million and wanted to know how the department came up with this amount. Rule R590-186-9 requires a ten to one ratio that would allow him a limit of \$2.5 million. Brad will check on this and contact him with the results.
- **Motion** by Mike to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Wayne.

Adjourn

Next Meeting

February 15, 2006, Rm 7, Conference Center, State Fairgrounds, Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Future Meetings

Jan. 18, Rm 7	May 17, Rm 4112	Sep. 20, Rm 4112
Feb. 15, Rm 7	Jun. 21, Rm 4112	Oct. 18, Rm 4112
Mar. 15, Rm 4112	Jul. 19, Rm 4112	Nov. 15, Rm 4112
Apr. 19, Rm 4112	Aug. 16, Rm 4112	Dec. 20, Rm 4112